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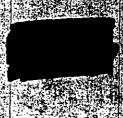
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1. The Chilean presidential election will take place in September 1970. Current information indicates that it will be a three-way race involving former President Jorge Alessandri, with rightist and independent support. Redemiro Tomic, former Ambassador to the U.S. and candidate of the ruling Christian Democratic Party (PDC) who is seeiing leftist support; and Socialist Senator Salvador Ellender, who will run for the fourth time as the candidate of the FRAP (coalition of Communists and Socialists). The Santiage Station and Ambassador Korry are in agreement that the election of Allende would be detrimental to U.S. interests in Chile and in the hemisphere. They have also agreed that the U.S. Government should not support any presidential candidate and that political action should be confined to weakening the FRAP.

2. In the pre-electoral negotiations which characterize the Chilean political scene, the Marxists are experiencing difficulty in forming the FRAP alliance; which has represented them in past elections; There are serious differences between the two major TRAP partners, the Communists and Socialists; particularly on the ausstion of what political parties and movements and the aussinctuded in the united or popular front. The pro-Castro Socialists insist on the inclusion of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR - a left-wing terrorist group) and on the exclusion of the Popular Socialist usion USP, a splinter Socialist party) and the Marxist led Radicals. Party (PR). The Communists want both the PR and the SSP

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Included in a broad popular front. In addition, Socialist encouragement of violence and bublic support of the MIR nave angered Communists who believe that this policy invites government repression which will ultamately work to the detriment of the Communists. Among Socialist fank and file, there is considerable distruct of Communist motives and the belief that the Communists have fistorically used the PS for their own ends and that they are not truly revolutionary.

- The Socialists have again nominated Senator Allende as their presidential candidate, although this time he did not have the full support of his party. In addition to Socialist disagreements with the Communists, members of the PS liself are divided even how revolutionary the party should be and most of the PS leaders view Allende as bourgeois. The Comminasts, for tachical reasons, are now planning to name their own candidate. It is expected that despite the differences dividing the Socialists and Communists, as well as the wardous splinter groups, every effort will be made to constitute the FRAP whose combined percentage of the total vote (pased on previous election results) would be a formi-
- A. Another major candidate, Radomiro Tomic, was the unity choice of the PDC. The latter in the last few months has lost; some of its most revolutionary elements to the Popular Action Unity Movement (MAPU). There are indications that Towic is not receiving wholehearted support from certain sectors of the PDC, marticularly those closely associated with Fresident Freil. Tomic has backed away from his previous insistence associate front support by redefining popular unity in terms that transcend political parties. Tomic has been tebuffed by the Marxist political parties and thus now seeks note formal leftless support. Tomic's remarks on the replacement of the applicalist and neo-capitalist system in Chile have concerned many moderates and independents. The PDC electoral strength he estimated at between 30 and 35%.
- 5. The last major candidate lorge Alessandri has not yet declared his candidacy put has been proclaimed by the National Party (PN). Alessandri is now the target of attacks by opposition parties. Current information indicates

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that Alessandri, whose support crosses party lines, would be the winner if the election were held today.

6. Against the above political background, the station is using a number of covert action operations to weaken the FRAP. Ampassador Korry is aware that the Station is supporting a dissident Radical group

volved in producing and disseminating anti-FRAP anti-

we are also in contact; which members of the National Party, Santiago Station is also using its other political action and propaganda activities which generally support over-all objectives to mount attacks on the FRAP.

Korry have agreed on a hands-off policy with regard to the Chilean presidential election. Political action is confined to attacking the FRAP and no support is contemplated to any presidential candidate. The Station will resist any requests for support from the right in Chile and it believes that Tomic, who is still trying to gain the support of non-Allende leftists, will not seek it. Government support. Ambassador Korry, however, is committed to the PDC and it is conceivable that, should to form the will seek to support Tomic's position vis a vis leftist support become more moderate, he will seek to support Tomic's candidacy. The Station has no mechanisms which could render covert support to Tomic and has stressed the desirability of permitting Chilean voters to choose their president without outside assistance.

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